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MANN EXTRADITED TODAY?

Former fighter Garry Mann will be extradited to Portugal after losing his long legal battle.

The 52-year-old father-of-four was given a two-year term for his alleged role in a riot in Albufeira during the Euro 2004 football championship. His appeal against extradition to Portugal was rejected by the European Court of Human Rights on Tuesday.

Mann could be extradited as early as today.

EXCLUSIVE

BY JILL HURST

A RETIRED builder's campaign for free rail travel for the over-60s has been backed by the leaders of both Kent County Council and Swale council.

Harry Farrow, from Kemsley, received the personally signed letters of support from Swale council leader Adrian Bowles and Kent County Council leader Paul Carter.

The 63-year-old said he was delighted at getting the thumbs-up and being one step nearer to his goal of pressuring the incoming Government to offer the same benefits as those living in London.

He added: "I see myself as a foot soldier and Cllrs Bowles and Carter as generals, so to get their backing is a major step forward."

"We should have the same transport benefits as pensioners living in London and should be able to use free rail travel to get into the city."

"Currently, the boundary for free travel goes as far as Swanley, Chessington and Watford to London so why shouldn't it extend to us?"

"This hasn't been easy but I've come a long way with the help of a few supporters,



SUPPORT: Mr Farrow

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It's time to focus on what each candidate prescribes for Swale

ELECTION 2010

DESPITE record spending on the NHS, a significant part of the Swale community remains at a stark disadvantage.

Health inequalities remain unacceptably high in the district, with women in Sheerness and parts of Sittingbourne dying up to seven years earlier than their more affluent neighbours. Diabetes, obesity, teenage pregnancies and smoking relating illness also remain higher than the national average.

There is no 24-hour accident and emergency centre in the district and the continued threat of closure of cottage hospitals persists.

We asked the parliamentary candidates for their thoughts about the health service in Swale. Here's what they had to say.

Gordon Henderson Conservatives

"Lifestyle linked health problems like obesity, smoking and the spread of infectious diseases are an increasing threat to the country's health and we will start to tackle this by turning the Department of Health into the Department of Public Health.

"Funding will be weighted towards the poorest areas with the worst health outcomes.

"I fiercely oppose any reduction in the current services offered by our community hospitals."

Angela Harrison Labour

"One of the most important health priorities is to improve the prospects and lifestyles of the community. Potentially that can be achieved with better jobs.

"In terms of healthcare we want to improve GP cover, provide more NHS dental care and continue the improve-



HEALTHY INTEREST: Clockwise from top left are candidates Gordon Henderson, Angela Harrison, Keith Nevols and Ian Davison, Tim Valentine is not pictured

Ian Davison UK Independence Party

"Anyone who has received our leaflets or read my UK Independence Party page would see, we are going to actively campaign for an A&E on Sheppey.

"Many of the people we have spoken to, in particular the elderly, who cannot drive, have a great deal of difficulty getting to Medway or Canterbury.

"This is not good enough and it has to change."

Tim Valentine Green Party

"We will protect the local NHS, including the maternity services at Maidstone and fight to retain cottage hospitals in the district.

"If elected we would stop the creeping privatisation of the NHS and end the private finance initiative."

ments in the treatment of chronic illnesses, especially cancer."

Keith Nevols Liberal Democrats

"It is scandalous that after years of Conservative-Labour meddling, such inequalities exist and the health service is a nightmare.

"Liberal Democrats would abolish unnecessary quangos and bureaucrats. Instead, elected local health boards would direct resources at the areas which are most in need, such as Sheppey.

"Responsibility for budgets would pass to front line medical staff, not administrators."

Which party has the healthiest policies? We take a snapshot look at their aims at a national level

The Liberal Democrats

- Cut the size of the Department of Health by half.
- Limit the pay of top health staff to make sure none earn more than the Prime Minister.
- Maximise the number of day-case operations and introduce more community clinics.
- Establish a cross-party commission for long-term elderly care.
- Prioritise dementia research



- Expansion of diagnostic tests and checkups for the over 40s.
- Deliver up to £20 billion of efficiencies in the frontline NHS.
- Replace failing management at poorly performing hospitals.
- Introduce 8,000 new psychological therapists to the NHS.



The Conservative Party

- Cut NHS bureaucracy by a third.
- Introduce a million new dentists.
- Introduce voluntary insurance so people are not forced to sell



The Labour Party

- Legally binding guarantees of service including 18-week treatment or the offer of going private.

their homes if they need residential care.

- Commission urgent care services in every area of the country.
- Create a cancer drug fund to enable patients to access cancer drugs.

The UK Independence Party

- Reduce bureaucracy and decrease the number of managers.
- Return to real matrons.
- Return to on-the-ward nurse training rather than university led.
- Introduce long-term care vouchers.
- Restore free eye tests and dental check-ups.



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Island's final salute to military family's hero

■ BY JILL HURST

HUNDREDS of mourners lined the streets of Sheppey to pay tribute to a young soldier who died serving in Afghanistan.

Rifleman Daniel Holkham, of the 3rd Battalion The Rifles, was killed after challenging a suicide bomber trying to enter a bazaar near the town of Sangin, in Helmand Province, on March 27.

His heroic actions are thought to have saved the lives of countless civilians and military personnel. The 19-year-old was buried with full military honours in a moving ceremony at Eastchurch on Friday.

His brothers, Matthew, 20, and Andrew, 18, who are serving with the same battalion, were allowed home on leave to act as pallbearers, carrying Daniel's Union Flag-draped coffin into the 800-year-old All Saints' Church.

They were followed by the Rifleman's parents, Rodney and Tracy Holkham, and his girlfriend, Nikki Rudd. More than 50 of Daniel's fellow Riflemen attended the service, together with high-ranking military personnel.

Roads surrounding the church were closed an hour before the service in preparation for the island's first full military funeral for nearly 40 years, and a police escort accompanied Rifleman Holkham's hearse on the final journey from Sheerness to Eastchurch.

In moving scenes of pride and sorrow, many wept while others threw flowers, applauded and



FAREWELL TO ARMS: Army comrades fire over the coffin of Rifleman Daniel Holkham (pictured inset) at Eastchurch

waved flags as the hearse passed by.

During the 60-minute service, conducted by family friend Barry Birch, eulogies were read by Daniel's godfather Michael Apps; 3 Rifles commanding officer Major James Richardson; and chaplain to the forces the Rev PJ Aldred.

A tribute, read on behalf of Mr and Mrs Holkham, stated: "How can you sum up your feelings for someone you have loved so much for more than 19 years, have seen grow into a man, sat at his side when he was ill, and have tried to be there for him every step of the way?"

"Danny was a quiet, brave boy who took every-

thing in his stride. He never really made a fuss about anything and would more often than not just laugh problems away. And, boy, once he started laughing, that was it. He would end up with tears rolling down his face and then we would all join in."

A six-gun salute was fired above Daniel's coffin as it was lowered into the ground at the churchyard.

A spokesman for the family said: "It's hard to put into words the gratitude we have for all those who paid their respects to our son on his final journey. It's been an incredible response."

Forum ban lifted on Abso princess



SITTING PRETTY: Rachael Booker-Pook

MAGISTRATES relaxed the conditions of an anti-social behaviour order given to a Sittingbourne carnival princess.

Rachael Booker-Pook, of West Street, was originally banned from entering The Forum shopping centre in the town; being in a group of three people or more under the age of 21; or likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress in the town.

The order was issued after a string of bad behaviour by the teenager, who is believed to have been arrested 97 times since 2007.

However, prosecutors agreed to relax the conditions to enable her to continue in her role as a Sittingbourne carnival princess.

Ms Booker-Pook can now enter the High Street shopping complex to carry out carnival duties, as long as she is accompanied by a representative of Sittingbourne Carnival Association.

The change to the order means the 18-year-old – who has promised to change her ways – can now join the rest of the carnival court on Saturday when they judge the St George's Day window dressing competition which includes entries from The Forum shopping centre.

Pensioner will not be beaten

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

particularly Gordon Henderson and David Hall at Kent County Council. I can't thank these two men enough and I certainly wouldn't have got this far without them.

"I'm very passionate about the campaign and I'm determined to keep it going."

As well as support from the two councils, Mr Farrow has also received the backing of every council in Kent apart from Medway, Ashford and Canterbury. But this detail seems unlikely to deter him.

"I'm not finished with these three councils yet," said a determined Mr Farrow. There's a lot of red tape and bureaucracy to get through but I won't be beaten. I'll keep on going until they respond."

The plucky pensioner now aims to sign up the remaining Kent councils and obtain 10,000 signatures on his petition by September – which currently stands at 6,000.

He will then take his petition and letters of support to the Prime Minister in Downing Street in September this year.

If you would like to support Harry's campaign for free rail travel for the over 60s during off-peak hours write to Paul Carter, Council Leader, Kent County Council, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ or email paul.carter@kent.gov.uk

Three arrested after cannabis factory find

THREE men have been arrested after the discovery of a sophisticated cannabis factory on the Isle of Sheppey.

Two 25-year-olds and an 18-year-old were arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis. All three, who come from the Sittingbourne area, are being questioned at Sittingbourne police station.

The factory, in a terrace house in Beach Street, Sheerness, used an automated watering system to tend to the plants. The factory was uncovered after men were seen on CCTV trying to climb into a second floor window of the property, just before midnight on Wednesday, April 21.

Police discovered between 100 and 150 mature cannabis plants inside the house, with an estimated potential street value of between £13,000 and £19,500.

Crime scene investigators carried out forensic examinations at the house on Thursday, before the factory was dismantled by the neighbourhood policing team.

Investigating officer PC Nadia Asif said: "Signs of a cannabis factory include the windows being permanently covered from the inside and visits to the address not matching normal residents' patterns; that is, people



CANNABIS: Officer examines the find

calling daily or weekly, but only for short periods of time.

"Often a pungent smell will emanate from the building. Sometimes this even seeps through walls to adjacent properties.

"Other telltale signs can include compost bags and other gardening equipment in the garden or close to the back door without any clear indication of normal gardening, or vents protruding from the roof tiles.

If you suspect a cannabis factory may be operating in your area, contact Kent Police on 01622 690690 or Crimestoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555111.

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LEFT ALONE: Rescue charity says owners are keeping horses in small spaces and leaving them to fend for themselves

'Dying month' for neglected horses bought on the net

ISLANDERS are buying horses off the internet believing they can keep them in their back garden or on the side of the road, according to the RSPCA.

Workers at the animal charity says it is receiving at least one call a day from people who have taken on more than they can handle, and claim horses are dying as a result of being kept on grass verges or in backyards.

Sheppey RSPCA worker Angela Walder said: "People don't seem to understand that you can't simply buy a horse on e-bay and put it in your back garden. It has to have at least two acres of grazing land. We have a real problem with horse neglect on the island and it's particularly bad at the moment."

"This growing trend for people to buy a horse by email is shocking. One woman from Minster took a horse home and thought she could just extend her garden by taking the fence down."

"Another bought one by email and stuck it on a two-foot tether on the side of the road. As a result the poor animal became tangled up and ended up on its back, unable to get back up."

"Then there's the parents who think they'll order a pony for their kids but have no where to put it and have not arranged any lessons. The kid gets bored and the horse is simply abandoned to look after itself."

EXCLUSIVE

BY JILL HURST

"People need to be responsible. You can't just buy a horse on a whim."

One animal charity – Brown Bread Horse Rescue – has received so many calls about distressed horses it has labelled April the 'dying month.'

Charity worker Dinty Steains said: "We are dealing with an unprecedented number of neglected horses on the Isle of Sheppey which are currently under investigation and surveillance."

"Many have been left to fend for themselves through the winter, fighting off the rain, cold and lack of food. They have held on for the spring grass to come after the severe cold weather but they are simply at their lowest ebb and too weak to take advantage of the food source."

"Members of the public should check horses are provided with the basic amenities including access to food, water and shelter. Those tethered on the road-sides or grass verges need to be safely tethered in a safe environment."

• If you suspect a horse is in distress or you need help to look after your animal contact the Brown Bread Horse Charity on 01424 892381, email tony.brownbread@tesco.net or visit www.escis.org.uk.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Breast way to feed baby

AN AWARD-winning national exhibition – designed to encourage the number of new mums who take up breast feeding – will be in Swale this week.

The 'Get Britain Breastfeeding' exhibition features poster panels containing innovative artwork by students of the Central Saint Martin's College of Art & Design in London.

Ingrid Cobourn, head of maternity services at NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent said: "I'm sure this exhibition will promote healthy discussion in children's centres, cafés and homes"

"This new approach to raising awareness of breastfeeding amongst young people will hopefully enable more of the next generation of babies to have a healthier start in life."

The posters will be on display this week AT Sheerness Library on Wednesday, April 28 between 9am and 1pm; Seashells Community Centre in Sheerness on Thursday, April 29 between 11am and 3pm and Faversham Community Café in Preston Street on Friday, April 30 between 11am and 2pm.

• For more information please contact Jo Treharne on 01227 791160 or 07740748031

Teen charged over theft

A SCHOOLBOY has been charged with burglary after a laptop computer and a bottle of vodka was stolen from a house in Lower Road on Friday April 16.

The 13-year-old, from the Faversham area, has also been charged with allegedly verbally abusing police community support officer, on Monday, April 19.

The teenager was charged by Sittingbourne police last Wednesday and is due to appear before town magistrates on Thursday, April 29. He was given a night-time curfew from 9pm to 7am as a condition of his bail.

Contraception clinic switch

A POPULAR Faversham contraception clinic will move from Thursday evenings to Wednesday evenings from May 5, 2010.

A walk-in clinic for under 25s for contraception and screening for sexually transmitted infections will continue to run on Wednesdays between 3.30pm and 5.45pm..

Appointments are generally required for the fitting and removal of contraceptive implants and intrauterine devices (coils). To book an appointment call 01795 562051.

Contact the Sexual Health Information line on 01303 228808 between 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday, for other clinic information.



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No day of rest for busy lifeboat crew

RNLI Sheerness was called out twice on Sunday.

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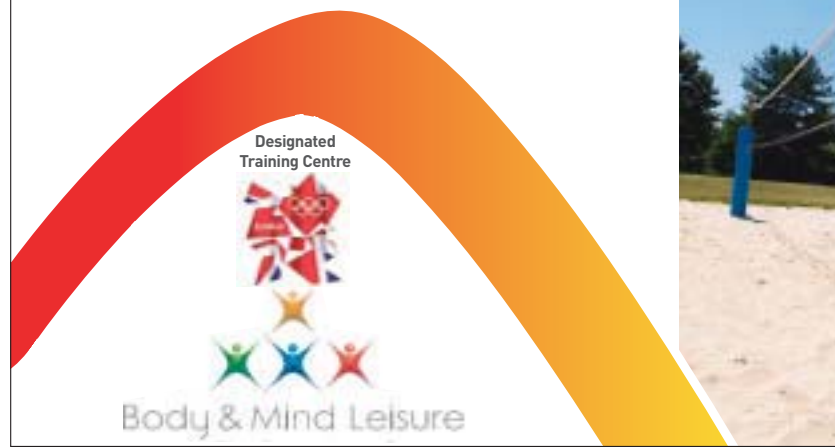
The craft responded to a second call to a stranded craft on the North side of Burntwick Island.

The inshore lifeboat reached the scene at 6.50pm where it helped the owner of a craft back to sea after debris had



damaged a propeller on the vessel.

After refloating Nauti Buoy II was able to proceed to its moorings at Rochester under its own power. Both sailors on board the cruiser were from Dartford. No injuries were reported.



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'Your votes could change the shape of government'

BY JILL HURST

VOTERS in Sittingbourne and Sheppey have the power to change the outcome of the election according to the Shadow Foreign Secretary.

William Hague made the comment during a tour of Kent which included Sittingbourne High Street on Wednesday, April 21.

Mr Hague visited the town to support the Conservative candidate Gordon Henderson.

Mr Hague said: "Sittingbourne and Sheppey is very important to the Conservative party and could serve to change the shape and outcome of the election and the Government."

"The electorate here has the power to make a difference. While Labour won it on a recount last time we are determined to get Gordon in this time."

"He will make a really good MP and stands as someone who would fight for the community. The main thing is you have to offer someone who would put the constituency first."

Mr Hague and Mr Henderson were met enthusiastically by members of the community during a 20-minute walk-about.

Bank worker Nikki Massiah spent several minutes talking to the two men. She asked how the benefits system would change.

Mr Hague told Ms Massiah the Conservative



party would aim to get the number of people claiming unemployment benefit and incapacity benefit down by introducing compulsory training and education packages.

He added: "If people can work and they don't, then they will lose their benefits. There are too many people, particularly young people, claiming benefits and we believe more training would enable many to get back into work."

Miss Massiah said talking to the two men helped her to make up her mind about who she would vote for.

SUPPORT:
Shadow Foreign Secretary William Hague with Conservative PPC Gordon Henderson and supporters in Sittingbourne High Street

She added: "I liked Mr Hague's answer to my question. He told me exactly what he'd do rather than waffling and I liked that."

"I believe in the benefits system, and that people who really need it should be looked after but it's got out of control and I think too many people claim benefits that don't need it and I'd like to see that change."

"I was unsure who I would vote for. I watched the debate on television and I was going to vote for the Liberal Democrats but I think I'm going to vote for Gordon Henderson now."

Firebomb boys condemned for YouTube clip

FIRE chiefs have condemned teenagers who posted YouTube clips showing them igniting homemade explosives.

One clip shows the boys carrying a bomb made out of aerosol cans through a Sittingbourne estate to woodland in Chalks Pitt. They are then filmed setting light to the cans, which subsequently explode.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) community safety service delivery manager Charlie Smith said: "Any evidence of the promotion of deliberate fire setting, which is illegal, on video sharing websites is of concern and that's why we will be asking YouTube to take the video down."

"The actions of the boys in the clip are hugely irresponsible – not only are they putting their own lives at serious risk, they are in effect encouraging others to participate in this crime."

"We often refer to individuals who participate in this type of activity as 'the Jackass kids'. They watch stunt shows like Jackass and Dirty Sanchez then do exactly what they are told not to do by the programmes."

"To the viewer, these shows are good fun – but these stunts have been rehearsed, risk-assessed and have a safety team on standby. There's a world of difference between a polished production and what we've seen on YouTube."

"I should think that the lads in the clip wouldn't find them so amazing if they end up burned and scarred by a fire – that's if they survive them."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

PAUL MARKHAM



Q What is your job?

A I am a property developer specialising in commercial space, particularly shopping centres and in-town retail. The largest project I dealt with was the Plaza shopping centre on Oxford Street in London.

Q What is a normal day for you?

A It's pretty varied. There is quite a lot of office-based admin work nowadays, particularly emails and phone calls and general business duties; accounts and rent demands. I also try to spend at least two days of the week out of the office, either visiting sites or other buildings we might own and looking at the opportunities. I quite look forward to them.

Q What have you been working on in Canterbury?

A The redevelopment of Boots, which we acquired in 2007. We put together a planning application to reinstate the ground floor back into six shop units, and convert the upper parts, which were in an absolutely shocking state, into residential. The first thing we did was hire a clearance company that was actually a scrap-metal dealer as there was so much metalwork in there. They spent two weeks just clearing out all the shop fittings. When we stripped them all out, in most cases we found another set of shop fittings behind them.

Q What have you learned on this project?

A We had two or three excavations by Canterbury Archaeological Trust which identified an early Roman base below the existing buildings and some Roman coins. They found what they think are remains of an early Roman villa under what is now Fat Face.

One of the fantastic advantages of this project is I have learnt a lot about archaeology and conservation – particularly from Canterbury Archaeology Trust and Rupert Austin, who was recording the building. We stripped out what was the first floor of Pret a Manger and exposed the timber framework. He looked at it and asked if I realised some of the holes were original pin-points for shutters. When this building was constructed, which they dendrologically dated to 1345, he said there would have been no windows but openings instead, and we could tell that because these holes and grooves in the timber reveal there would originally have been wooden shutters that slid into place and were fixed by pins. That was fascinating. There were also scorch marks which he explained were where medieval people placed lamps and candles and the timber had burnt away.

We are in the process of trying to get a memorial plaque put on the building to record Solomon the Mercer, who is one of the oldest recorded inhabitants of Canterbury and lived in the basement of Pret a Manger's unit in the

mid-1100s. The original cellar he would have lived in still exists. There is an arched, vaulted cellar and a small well in the wall, and there is another cellar below that as well.

Q Has it been a success?

A Yes and no. Overall it has been very successful. We have always recognised it is a very important crossroads in Canterbury and the building was in pretty awful shape. We had to do a lot more than we expected, but we think the end result is terrific. We are really happy with the way the residential has come out and the way the city roof garden has been created, and the whole atmosphere – it is a much improved environment. But we still have three shop units that are not occupied, which is quite disappointing. If you ask me again in another four to six weeks I will hopefully be able to say it has been a total success. It is entirely a sign of the times, but our location really stands us in good stead.

Q I hear you won an award last week.

A Canterbury Archaeological Trust presented us with an award in recognition of us allowing them to come into the building and supporting them making a record that will be preserved for the future, enabling a better understanding of Canterbury's history. We were also shortlisted for a Kent Design Award.

Q & A

Reporter **Jenny Armstrong** talks to property developer Paul Markham about the trials and tribulations of restoring and converting one of Canterbury's oldest buildings and his recent Archaeological Trust award



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Geldof's home surveyed for clues to town's past

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

A TREASURE hunt by village archaeologists has led to an exploration of historic land owned by rock legend Sir Bob Geldof.

The former Boomtown Rats frontman, who lives at Davington Priory, near Faversham, allowed volunteers to carry out a geophysical survey at his home.

However, contrary to reports in the national press, the Live Aid hero's back garden was not dug up by the workers from Faversham Society Archaeological Research Group.

Lawrence Young, manager of the Faversham Enterprise Partnership, explained: "On Bob's land and on the cricket pitches they used magnetic resonance technology that shows the outlines and foundations of old buildings.

"He was one of the people who said it was okay for the group to study their gardens. Some gave permission for small pits, but it's not as if their gardens are being ransacked.

"Faversham has a fantastic past going all the way back to the Stone Age, and this area in Davington has never been examined before.

"It's fresh ground that is likely to throw out some interesting things, and indeed it has."

The survey at Geldof's home was organised as part of a project looking back at the widening of the nearby road Dark Hill in the late 50s and early 60s. It is thought the work destroyed medieval and Iron Age remains, which the group is now trying to piece back together.



HIDDEN HISTORY: Archaeologists have been surveying the grounds of Davington Priory, home to Bob Geldof

Team leader Dr Pat Reid said their findings would be revealed at a history conference in the autumn.

She added: "When Dark Hill was widened it seemed to have cut through important archaeology, but we have already found late Iron Age flint-tempered pottery. There is also evidence the widening affected standing remains or

other ruins, and there is a chance some of these have survived underground.

Dr Reid said the group believed the ruins were the ones referred to in writings by the 19th century historian Edward Crow, who also served as Faversham's mayor in 1837.

She added: "We already have permission to survey many gardens but would like to examine as many as possible."

• To contact Dr Reid, leave a note with your telephone number or email address at the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, 10-12 Preston Street, Faversham.

Emergency help over bank holidays

EMERGENCY help lines have been released by Swale council for the May bank holiday shut down.

The authority will close on both bank holidays on Monday, May 3 and Monday, May 31.

If you are homeless and have no accommodation call 01795 428547; for environmental or flooding issues call 0800 807060; for urgent noise nuisance call 07881 817601.

If you have found a stray dog call 07795 237479; for emergency highways telephone 08458 247247 and to make a telephone payment for council tax or business rates call 01795 417766.

Refuse and recycling collections will be as normal.

Candidate backs high street shops

A NEWSAGENT from Sheerness launched a campaign to encourage the community to shop in the High Street.

The call for action is part of a national campaign by the National Federation of Newsagents and Retailers to get parliamentary candidates to support small retail businesses.

Martin Fitch, of Fitch's Newsagents in the High Street, has enlisted the support of Conservative candidate Gordon Henderson to champion small shops.

Mr Fitch said: "Newsagents are at the heart of the community and it is important that our voices are heard."

Mr Henderson said: "I look forward to working with retailers so that they remain a fixture of our community."

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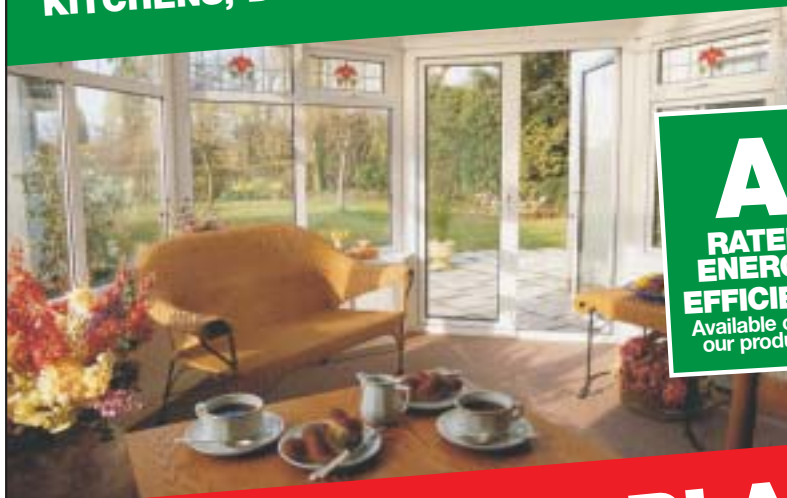
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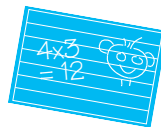
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BREAK TIME

College's 'amazing' turbine challenge

PUPILS at Sittingbourne Community College put their design, technology, engineering and maths talents to the test in a one-day challenge set by educational charity the Smallpeice Trust.

Some 50 year nine pupils worked on a turbine challenge to design and construct a wind turbine to produce the greatest amount of electricity.

The turbine had to be free-standing and structurally robust to support heavy components and moving parts.

Smallpeice education officer Kevin O'Neil said: "It was encouraging to see students being so enthusiastic about the project. Their creativity and problem solving skills were put to the test."

"We hope girls as well as boys will consider engineering when looking at future study options."

Science teacher Helen Morgan said: "We were delighted to have this amazing opportunity."

"It will encourage pupils to connect science and technology to what happens in the real world and demonstrate there are exciting and rewarding career paths available."

Holocaust recalled

YOUNGSTERS at Fulston Manor School in Sittingbourne hosted an evening to discuss the Holocaust.

Sixth-formers arranged the event after being moved by a trip to the former Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland.

A Holocaust survivor attended and spoke about her experiences before taking part in a question and answer session.

The world's a stage as Box Clever bring Bard to life



BARD TO VERSE: Box Clever Theatre Company actors perform at the Abbey School

IT WAS a Midsummer Night's Dream come true for Faversham pupils when a Shakespearean theatre company paid a visit.

London-based Box Clever Theatre Company delivered a variety of contemporary Shakespeare performances at the Abbey School.

The cast tailored their work to make the Bard's stories accessible and interesting to a range of age groups.

A spokesman for the school said: "Year seven and eight pupils enjoyed the banter and humour of an introduction to Shakespeare; while year nine students enjoyed Romeo and Juliet."

Contemporary

"Workshops focused on exam questions the pupils will attempt in lessons over the coming weeks."

The actors interacted with the students, asking questions about Shakespeare and the English language, advancing education using the art of drama.

Box Clever is a writer-led theatre company dedicated to the creation of quality contemporary theatre for young people.

It works in a visceral, provocative, challenging and non-patronising way, to give young people a window on the world in all its diversity, and a focus for thought

■ BY JILL HURST

and discussion about a broad range of issues. It produces new plays for theatre audiences, targeting the 14 to 25 age group and provides bespoke theatre projects with an emphasis on community and social issues.

A Box Clever spokesman said: "Our aim is to allow young people, particularly those in disadvantaged areas, to encounter theatre of the highest possible quality that speaks to them directly about issues that are of real and immediate concern in their lives."

The Abbey School opened in Faversham in September 1983 as a result of an amalgamation of the Ethelbert Road Boys' School and Lady Capel School for Girls.

The school is enjoying the best examination results in its history.

Standards have continued to rise over the last few years, resulting in it being awarded two school achievement awards by the Department for Education.

To find out more about the Abbey School, either email schooloffice@abbey.kent.sch.uk or telephone 01795 532633.

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New Scouts looking for adventure



OUTDOOR FUN: Increasing numbers of youngsters are signing up to join the Scouts

THE biggest membership surge in 38 years suggests the Scouting Movement in Kent is battling back against video games and the internet.

Just over 500 youngsters signed up last year – the largest increase since 1972 – meaning a total of 18,267 are now living Robert Baden-Powell's vision throughout the county.

There are also a record number of teenage Scouts in Kent, with the figure currently standing at 2,427 – about 25 per cent more than when the information was first collated in 2001.

And membership will likely increase for the sixth year running in 2011 if the current 1,000-name waiting list is anything to go by.

Chief Scout Bear Grylls said: "It's fantastic to witness such a huge surge in Scouting – the biggest growth for 38 years – and proof that Scouting is appealing more and more to teenagers. Scouting is empowering, wild and fun, and offers so many adventure-based activities for young people and adults alike.

"My goal is for every young person who wants to be involved in Scouting to be able to be. So I hope to inspire even more adults to volunteer and help this happen."

The Scout Movement began in 1907 when Baden-Powell – a Lieutenant General in the British Army – held the first Scouting encampment at Brownsea Island, Dorset.

Development

His aim from the beginning was to support young people in their "physical, mental and spiritual development", so they could play constructive roles in society.

Today there are more than 28 million Scouts around the world, with girls also now allowed to join.

And despite recent technological advancements such as video gaming and the internet, the Scouts have adapted to change with successful ideas such as the IT badge.

However, the movement still relies heavily on outdoor activities such as camping, water-skiing and abseiling to draw youngsters in.

But despite the membership surge in Kent, the increase in volunteers is less than one per cent – well below the UK average of 3.1 per cent.

This means the number of children on the Scout waiting list is up by a massive 23.8 per cent from last year compared to the national average of 0.4 per cent.

Kent leader John Hunt urged other would-be volunteers to follow in his footsteps.

He said: "I absolutely love being a leader. I decided to get involved because I wanted to give something back to young people in my community, but I've really benefited as well.

"I've been able to transfer the skills I've developed as a leader to my day job, and that's been really important to me."

• Visit www.kentscouts.org.uk to find out more.

Steel rope reins in foreign traffic offenders

NEW powers are helping Kent Police clamp down on foreign motorists who had been getting away with serious breaches of the law.

Since last year, the force has had the power to disable vehicles belonging to overseas visitors if they can't pay on-the-spot fines.

Between April, 2009, and March, 2010, Kent officers immobilised 125 vehicles using a steel rope padlocked around a wheel and the chassis. Police say the new law also means there have been fewer collisions and casualties on the county's roads.

Kent Police said that between April and October, 2008, there were 43 collisions and 68 casualties on our roads

involving non-UK registered goods vehicles. During the same period the following year, that fell to 34 collisions and 47 casualties. Before the new law police were unable to issue fixed penalty notices to non-UK registered drivers because there was no guarantee a penalty would be paid within 28 days.

There was also no provision for checking whether or not they had committed previous offences that would lead to an automatic driving disqualification in the UK.

The powers were given by the Road Safety Act 2006, which received its national launch in Kent in April, 2009. It ensures traffic legislation is

now applied to all drivers on UK roads. Provisions allow non-UK drivers, and even British residents who can't provide a valid address, to be handed roadside fines of up to £900. Police can request immediate deposit in sterling or by credit card.

If they can't pay, the vehicle is immobilised until payment is made. Police can also immobilise defective vehicles until they are repaired, or until commercial vehicle drivers have taken a break if they exceed permitted driving times. In the first year of the scheme, Kent Police have taken 1,464 'roadside deposits' amounting to £40,500. The fines are audited, and the cash goes to Treasury coffers.

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YOUR LETTERS



England left out of political assemblies

Gary Wright said in his blogger page that one of the "plus" sides to the Labour government's term of office, is that Scotland and Wales now have their own assemblies; so where does this leave the English?

The English have a parliament in Westminster that allows Scottish/Welsh MPs to vote on things pertaining to England, but English MPs have no say in Scottish/Welsh assemblies!

So for example Scottish/Welsh MPs can vote for higher prescription charges, while in their own countries they are either free or being phased out.

Because they are receiving billions of pounds in subsidies through the 'Barnett Formula' more is spent per head on public services in these countries than in England.

Terry Hudson, by email

Sustainable plant looks good on paper

St Regis Paper Company Ltd, owner of Kemsley Mill, and energy company E.ON have submitted a planning application to Kent County Council for a Sustainable Energy Plant at the mill.

St Regis and E.ON have been consulting with local people and statutory bodies including Kent County Council, Swale Borough Council and the Environment Agency about their proposal.

The proposed plant would take hard to recycle waste, which might otherwise go to landfill, and use it to provide Kemsley Mill with an efficient and sustainable energy supply. This will make the mill less reliant on price-volatile gas supplies and help ensure it remains competitive in a challenging time for the papermaking industry. Some 800 people work at the mill, with many living within two miles of the site.

The plant, if approved, would be developed and operated by E.ON alongside the site's existing gas-fired combined heat and power plant and smaller waste-fuelled fluidised bed combustor, which the company also runs. Together they would provide the power and heat needed by the mill, which is the country's largest recycler of waste paper.

We have held three very successful public exhibitions on our plans and the feedback we have had from local people has gone a long way in helping us draw up our

your blogger

Just because Jack May, 15, can't vote doesn't mean he has nothing to say about the election ...

Jack May has been on work experience with KOS Media. Here he gives his view of what the General Election means to him.

I AM a 15-year-old pupil from Ashford and too young to vote this time.

I enjoy most sports, preferably football and cricket. I also enjoy listening to and playing music, just like many boys my age.

Currently, the General Election is pretty much the only news item on the agenda and on the front of every newspaper.

Politics doesn't particularly interest me, however I understand the importance of the event but do feel it is being hyped up a little too much.

If you gave me the choice, I wouldn't want any of the candidates as Prime Minister of our country.

They are all about themselves and have turned becoming PM and politics into a fight and who can come out on top, rather than who can offer the best for the country.

The way they constantly take digs at one another is childish – and the national papers do nothing to help.

They all try to pick out the problems in each other's policies, rather than focusing on their own.

Personally, I see all the candidates as fake and not really in touch with everyday life. They are all too posh and don't seem to understand what normal people want. The country as a whole needs a change of direction and Gordon Brown seems to have caused

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planning application.

We are committed to continuing to communicate with our neighbours and other interested parties throughout the planning process and welcome all comments and suggestions.

We're delighted to be in a position to use our energy expertise to support St Regis through the development of a new plant that will help secure the future of Kemsley Mill. Not only will the plant ensure a reliable and affordable source of heat and power but it will also help the team reduce the mill's carbon footprint and increase its energy efficiency.

Kent County Council will now consult with Swale Borough Council and other interested organisations, giving local people a further opportunity to comment.

More details about the plans can be found at www.kemsleyenergy.co.uk. The project team can be contacted via the website or on 0800 881 5429, info@kemsleyenergy.co.uk.

Mike Collins, Environmental Director at St Regis

Time for residents to join in for a change

Having worked in the social housing sector for over 25 years, I know that we must find new and creative ways to encourage residents to engage with and influence the services they receive. As the recently appointed

Head of Resident Engagement for The Hyde Group, one of England's largest housing associations, this task falls to me.

Like our residents, I too am a user of services – I travel by public transport, my children attend schools, I use local health services. Our residents are users of their landlord's services in a similar way – they want efficiency, value for money and real influence over the service that they and their families receive. Residents too want the ability to complain, to know that they have been listened to and that things will improve as a result of their suggestions and opinions.

Our residents pay us rent and service charges, and so are entitled to receive excellent services. Who better than our residents to tell us where we need to improve?

Over the coming months, I will be exploring and creating a variety of accessible ways in which our residents can get actively involved with shaping their services at Hyde. So, I am calling upon Hyde residents to get involved and make their voices heard. A start can be made on the forum section on the Hyde website: www.hyde-housing.co.uk.

Julia Johnson, Head of Resident Engagement, The Hyde Group

YouTube fires up dangerous actions

Kent firefighters have condemned

teenagers who have posted YouTube clips showing themselves igniting homemade explosives.

One clip shows teenage boys carrying a bomb made out of aerosol cans through a Sittingbourne estate to woodland in Chalks Pitt. They are then filmed setting light to the cans, which subsequently explode.

Any evidence of the promotion of deliberate fire setting, which is illegal, on video-sharing websites is of concern and that's why we will be asking YouTube to take the video down.

The actions of the boys in the YouTube clip are hugely irresponsible – not only are they putting their own lives at serious risk, they are in effect encouraging others to participate in this crime.

We often refer to individuals who participate in this type of activity as 'the Jackass kids'. They watch stunt shows like Jackass and Dirty Sanchez then do exactly what they are told not to do by the programmes.

To the viewer, these shows are good fun – but these stunts have been rehearsed, risk assessed and have a safety team on standby. There's a world of difference between a polished production and what we've seen in the YouTube clips.

All it takes is one spark to cause a fire and while our firefighters undergo regular and intensive training, fires started deliberately put everyone's lives at risk.

There's a reason why these stunts come with a warning and that's the



risk they pose to people's health and welfare. I should think that the lads in the clip wouldn't find them so amazing if they end up burned and scarred for life by a fire – that's if they survive them.

The penalty of arson with the intent to endanger life is up to 14 years in prison and up to seven years for arson with intent to cause criminal damage and up to a £5,000 fine. Deliberate anti-social fire setting that doesn't endanger life or cause criminal damage can lead to anti-social behaviour orders or community service.

It's worth noting that in seeking adventure and adrenaline, the consequences of such actions can potentially divert valuable resources away from other incidents such as house fires or road traffic collisions where lives may be in genuine danger.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service Community safety service delivery manager Charlie Smith

Where's the debate on green issues?

The exceptional risks of climate change are being airbrushed out of this election by most parties. The Green Party now believes cuts in UK greenhouse gas emissions of 10 per cent a year will be needed for many years. Dr Geoff Meaden, as one of the 11 Green Party candidates in Kent, has mapped in detail how rising sea levels may damage the county.

Recent research shows the effects of aviation and shipping pollution to be considerably worse than previous expectations, and airport expansion in Kent should be halted due to their certain impacts on climate. With Manston and Lydd both showing recent major financial losses this provides another reason to accept Kent Green Party's argument that these sites should be used as all-weather leisure centres.

Even more startling is research showing that up to 39,000 people in the European Union are dying prematurely each year as a result of pollution from shipping. Since all of Kent's ports, but particularly Dover, are trying to expand, this pollution now becomes critically important. The longer we wait to take action, the higher the costs will be.

The scientific and political consensus about the need to deal with human-induced Climate Change has never been wider than today. Kent and Medway are significantly exposed to the risk of wetter winters and hotter summers. Kent's coastline and estuaries are very vulnerable to significant changes unless cuts of about 90 per cent in greenhouse gas emissions are achieved by 2050. But Kent County Council's new draft Local Transport Plan does not even propose measures to cut traffic year on year in order to help achieve this target.

Kent's older growth forests play a part in storing carbon dioxide.

However, if stressed by summer droughts, we could see a major loss of trees throughout Kent during the next few decades.

Steve Dawe, Green Party

Weather hitting the right notes

AN UNUSUAL project to make music from the weather is taking place in Kent next month.

And it will be free for people to go along and see and hear near Dungeness.

Campbell Scientific makes meteorological equipment and is sponsoring the project. The work is called Variable 4 and climaxes in a 24-hour installation to create weird music from the weather.

Artists will be setting up scientific instruments from Campbell in the days before the public performance. These pick up changes in the weather patterns in the area, and these signals will be fed live into specially written computer software.

This in turn is used to create unique patterns of custom-composed musical forms that will be broadcast live on-site for the 24-hour period using speakers blended into the landscape.

It is hoped the output will also be streamed over the internet which means the whole world has the chance to tune into the musical magic of the Dungeness weather.

Iain Thornton, marketing manager for Campbell Scientific, said: "This is an exciting project; a fantastic blend of meteorological science and art."

The project, brainchild of experimental artists and composers Daniel Jones and James Bulley, has been awarded funding by the PRS for Music Foundation.

Mr Jones said: "We hope many will stay for the full 24 hours so as to experience the full range of transitions."

The RNLI is accommodating the event at its lifeboat station on Dungeness seaford. For more information visit www.variable4.org.uk.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

WITH celebrities promoting grown-up glamorous lifestyles to youngsters and child stars gracing the world's stage, child protection charities believe being a girl is now tougher than ever.

And with youngsters more than aware of the high standards set by society when it comes to body image, experts are pushing retailers to think how their products may affect children.

Just last month, glamour model and former celebrity mum-of-the-year Katie Price dropped the controversial bombshell she was planning to launch a make-up range for little girls.

It followed backlash from the public and her ex-husband Peter Andre after pictures emerged of their two-year-old daughter Princess Tiaamii wearing make-up and false eyelashes.

Ms Price – or Jordan, as her alter-ego is known – then announced she wanted to create the 'Princess' beauty range.

But while critics condemned the star's plans, similar projects – one based in Kent – are already up and running.

Bee for Beauty, founded by Belinda Collins, from Aylesford, near Maidstone, creates bespoke beauty parties for girls aged four to 15-years-old.

The youngest age group, four to seven-years-old, can be treated to mini-manicures and pedicures, eye make-up and lipstick, nail art, temporary tattoos and face jewels.

For girls aged from seven-10, hair straightening and curling is added into the package.

And for the older age group, 10-15, stick-on nails, eye make-up, lashes, lipsticks, hair straightening and curling, and manicures, pedicures and facials are available.

Critics condemn 'sexualising' of our young girls

Despite these types of 'pamper parties' coming under fire by children's charities, Ms Collins, 30, says her treatments are different.

"My parties for younger girls are about enhancing their natural beauty, not covering them in bright-coloured lip gloss and eyeshadows," she said.

"Girls that age want to dress up like princesses and need to embrace their childhood, but to see a three-year-old wearing bright red lipstick is just disgusting."

'Disgraceful'

The marketing director also hit out at parents who dress their children up in grown-up clothes.

Photos of four-year-old Suri Cruise, daughter of Hollywood couple Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, showed the youngster wearing high heels and make-up.

This was defended by Ms Holmes, who claimed they were ballroom dancing shoes for children.

But Ms Collins said she disagrees with dressing toddlers in high heels and instead takes dressing-up boxes full of appropriate outfits to her children's parties.

Last week, popular clothing store Primark withdrew its £4 padded bikini sets, which were aimed at seven-year-olds.

Child protection charities blasted the chain for "sexualising" young girls and Tory leader David Cameron called it "disgraceful".

Chris Cloke, head of child protection awareness at the NSPCC said the growing climate of sexualisation encourages a view of girls as sex objects.

"All children should be valued for their abilities and talent. They should be free to grow up as children," he said.

"Sadly, we have reached a point where many children get distressed because they think they don't look good.

"Manufacturers and shops can help by giving more thought about how their products might affect children.

"And parents can help by talking sensibly to their children about how they dress and what they do."

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DAY & NIGHT

A love story for April

SET in 1920s England, *Loving April* is a portrayal of a young woman trapped by society's strict values.

Oxfordshire Theatre Company presents the powerful love story at Lenham Community Centre at 7.30pm on Saturday. Tickets, at £8, are available from the centre on 01622 853800, mornings only, or by calling 01622 858011.

TV's Big Chris roars in

CHILDREN'S favourite Roary the Racing Car will be appearing at Fremelin Walk in Maidstone's Classic Car Show.

The TV character and mechanic Big Chris can be seen in front of House of Fraser between 10.30am to 4.30pm on Sunday. There will also be classic cars and motorbikes on display. For details visit www.fremelinwalk.co.uk.

Music to help Heroes

ENJOY live music with Herofest at the Red Lion in Northfleet on Sunday.

With 45 bands performing over four stages, Herofest is a huge event which boasts big names like Kingskin, Tokyo Jo, Adelaide and Tyrannosaurus Alan.

The fun starts at 1pm and entry costs £5 with proceeds going to Help for Heroes.

Country fun for family

DISCOVER exciting activities and entertainment at the Kent County Fair.

Running at The Hop Farm in Paddock Wood from Saturday to Bank Holiday Monday, the programme includes gun dog displays, pony club games, and family activities. Tickets are £10.50 in advance, £12.50 on the gate. For details visit www.thehopfarm.co.uk.

Flushed with laughter

GIRLS just want to have fun in the riotous musical *Hot Flush!* which visits Dartford next week.

Lesley Joseph leads the cast in a hilarious story about four women going through the menopause at the Orchard Theatre in Dartford on Monday and Tuesday.

To book call 01322 220000 or visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk.

Have a ball at dockyard

CELEBRATE victory at the VE Day Ball at the Historic Dockyard, Chatham.

On Saturday, May 8, revellers are invited to enjoy an evening of 1940s music in this atmospheric setting. Tickets cost £12.50/£10 for adults, £8 for children and £33.50 for families of four. To book call 01634 823826 or visit www.thedockyard.co.uk.

Recorder festival dates

TALENTED young musicians will demonstrate the joys of the recorder at Mote Hall in Maidstone.

Kent Music's three-day Spring Recorder Festival involves more than 400 children and culminates in a concert at 7.30pm on Friday. Tickets cost £4 from Denise Milne on 01622 358435 or email dmilne@kent-music.com.

Take a chance on two timeless acts

Sing along to hits of Abba and the Bee Gees at ultimate tribute night

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

Friday, April 30

Central Theatre, Chatham.



FANS of timeless pop will be in heaven with the toe-tapping tribute show, *Thank You For the Music*.

In the company of ABBA Magic and Bee Gees Magic, music lovers can enjoy a fantastic evening packed with unforgettable tunes and sing-along anthems.

So whether you long to demonstrate why you are a Dancing Queen or have been struck down with *Night Fever*, this show is sure to get those feet moving and transport you back to a golden age of disco.

Now in its 17th year, *Thank You For the Music* has been filling venues for longer than ABBA's reign as the kings and queens of pop. Expect rousing performances of all your favourite hits, along with infectious dance routines, a new set list and captivating costumes.

For four decades, ABBA have been delighting established fans and finding new audiences with their unforgettable songs. Even those who are too young to remember the hits the first time around will still know songs like *Super Trouper* and *Take A Chance On Me*, thanks to the success of the hit stage and screen musical, *Mamma Mia!* Meryl Streep and Piers Brosnan starred in the film version, which took the music of ABBA to a whole new audience.

The Swedish band – Anni-Frid Lyngstad, better known as Frida, Bjorn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson and Agnetha Faltskog – formed in 1970, little knowing that they were to become arguably the most iconic pop group of all time.

With their song *Waterloo*, they won the 1973 Eurovision Song Contest, marking the start of a phenomenally successful career in which they dominated the charts in many countries.

Over the years they recorded 19 top 20 hits and hit the number one spot nine times. But more than this, their music has endured over the decades and still receives constant radio airplay, while no disco or karaoke evening would be complete without a rendition of *Dancing Queen*, *The Winner Takes It All* or *Knowing Me, Knowing You*.

Martin Spooner, who plays Bjorn in the show, spoke about the extraordinary effect ABBA had on the music world and their fans. "Few bands can claim to have made as big an impact on British pop music history," he said. "Their million-selling hits, such as *The Name of the Game* and *Mamma Mia*, are eternal. ABBA's music is as popular now as it was in their 70s and 80s heyday. *Thank You For the Music* continues this incredible legacy."

The Bee Gees have also released a huge catalogue of timeless music, and their unmistakable style continues to enthrall their fans.



With the soundtrack for hit movie *Saturday Night Fever*, the band produced truly iconic tunes that fill dance floors to this day. They have also written hits for other artists.

With numbers such as *Stayin' Alive*, *Massachusetts* and *How Deep Is Your Love*, the Bee Gees have more than earned their place in the hearts and record collections of

millions of fans. Fans now have the chance to hear those fantastic songs played live once again in this exciting and affectionate celebration of two musical greats.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18/£17. Book online at www.thecentraltheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01634 338338.





DAY & NIGHT

Get a taste for exercise

FREE exercise taster sessions take place at Canterbury Adult Education Centre before the classes get started.

Try circuit training at 6.30pm or 7.45pm this Thursday or core training at 1.30pm on Friday, May 7. Circuit training classes start on Thursday, May 6 and core training on Friday, May 14, priced at £4 per session. Call 0845 606 5606 or visit www.kentadulteducation.co.uk.

Book for graveyard tour

DISCOVER interesting facts about St Laurence-in-Thamet Churchyard when tours begin on Saturday.

Barbara Byne will lead the hour-long tours at 10am on the first Saturday of the month until September. Famous graves include that of influential barrister Sir William Garrow.

For details call 01843 592478.

Support for dyslexics

PARENTS, teachers and adult dyslexics are invited to the Dyslexia East Kent Support Drop-In Centre and library.

The session is held at Kingsmead Leisure Centre in Canterbury from 10am to noon on Saturday.

Membership costs £15 for the year. For more information call 0845 003 8979.

Centre's work explained

FIND out more about the Canterbury Open Centre at an awareness evening next Wednesday.

Supporters and members of the public can learn about the centre's work with homeless people, hear presentations and ask questions. The free event runs from 7pm to 9pm. For details call Terry Gore or Ewan Flack on 01227 464904.

Triple bill of comedians

THREE top comedians will provide the laughs at Ashford International at 9pm on Friday.

Lee Canterbury, Rhodri Rhys and Martin Coyote will perform for The Comedy Club. Tickets cost £14, or add a two-course meal for £20 or £18 for members. To book tickets call 01233 219988 or visit www.hahaheehhe.com.

Relax at yoga classes

WEEKLY yoga classes have started at Kingsnorth Leisure Centre in Ashford on Thursdays.

A qualified male teacher leads the classes, which run from 5.30pm to 6.45pm and are open to beginners.

To find out more call the centre on 01233 503846 or call Tony on 07831 453902.

Comedy club offering

MORE comedy is on offer from the Comedy Club at the Ramada Dover on Thursday.

Karen Bayley, Gerry K and Colin Cole take to the stage from 9pm and there will be the usual joke competition. Entry costs £12 for just the show, or £20 with a two-course meal. To book call 01304 872843 or visit www.hahaheehhe.com.

Tracey declares her love for town

Unveiling of her new work launches range of events and exhibitions

LATE NIGHT AT THE CREATIVE QUARTER

Friday, April 30, Old Town, Margate.

THE Creative Quarter will be buzzing with activity on Friday and throughout the weekend to mark the return of Tracey Emin.

Now an internationally-acclaimed artist, Emin grew up in Margate and has spoken of her enduring affection for the seaside town. On Friday, Turner Contemporary will unveil her new commission which is sure to light up the lives of those who view it.

I Never Stopped Loving You is a pink neon sculpture which will be installed on the facade of Droit House on Stone Pier, declaring Emin's connection to Margate. The famous and often controversial artist has been working with neon for many years and has talked about her love of the medium.

"I like neon because it's moving constantly and I like drawing," she said. "The chemicals going through the neon really turn me on. It's sexy."

The public launch will be held at Droit House at 7pm, but it is just one of the many attractions on Friday and beyond. A variety of shops will be staying open until 9pm as part of Late Night at the Creative Quarter and there will also be plenty of events and exhibitions to fascinate both Margate residents and visitors.

Events include an exhibition by artist Sarah Stokes at the Old Town Gallery in Broad Street, which runs from Friday to Sunday.

From noon to 5pm on Friday and Saturday, the work of artist Tom Duggan can be seen in Lacuna at the Crate Project Space in Bilton Square. Inhabiting a series of personas, Duggan isolates himself to create spectacle and the exhibition includes performance, installation, found objects and text works.

Powerful images of the children of Haiti will both inform the viewer and help to raise money for a good cause at the Community Pharmacy Gallery in Market Place from Friday to Tuesday. Prints from the photographic images will be on sale and all profits will go directly to rebuilding the Haitian school. The gallery is open from 10am to 6pm.

Visual artists from across East Kent have contributed to the May Day Open Exhibition at the Margate Harbour Arm Gallery, which previews at 7.30pm on Friday and runs until May 12. The exhibitors include a 2009 Jerwood Drawing prize winner, Roy Eastland, painter Micky Motley and digital artist Angie Berkley.

A mixed exhibition opens at Margate Gallery in Lombard Street from 11am to 9pm on Friday, with live performance from Scandalomongers between 6pm and 9pm. The jewellery, ceramics, textiles, cards and sculpture on display will continue to change during the exhibition, which runs until May 31.



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Designer-maker Zoe Murphy, from Margate, takes inspiration from her hometown for her decorative furniture, while contemporary artist Katie Welsford has collected washed-up ceramic pieces over the last year to create Upon A Margate Beach.

Along with the mixed media and oils work of Katrina-Ann Woodward, their pieces can be seen at Pie Factory Creative Spaces in Broad Street from 6-9pm on Friday.

Improvisation group Ampersand will be demonstrating their industrial ambience at the Substation Project Space in Bilton Square on Friday evening, giving the audience a chance to see how they use their acoustic music as sonic sculpture. The performance

starts at 7.30pm and admission costs £3.

Margate-born artist Aurora Bain presents her first solo exhibition at Marine Studios in Albert Terrace from 11am to 4pm, Saturday to Monday. Peeling Layers explores how society uses elements like architecture, the environment and social behaviours to mask the reality of life.

Find out how Margate and Thanet are becoming better places to live and visit with We Make Margate: Empty Shops Initiative. The seminar runs from 12.30pm to 5.30pm, starting at Margate Harbour and includes a guided historic walk of the town.

To find out more about Tracey Emin's commission visit www.turnercontemporary.org.



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DRINKING WITH ANGELIKA

Wednesday, May 5 to Saturday, May 8, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate

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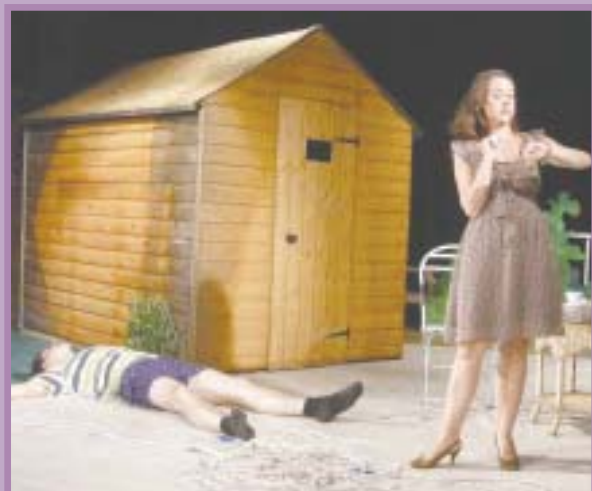
The new musical features a talented cast of local performers and tells a gripping story about guilt, secrets and the supernatural.

On a freezing cold Christmas Eve, 15 strangers are stranded at a remote bar and forced to wait out the snow storm. But as time goes by, they start to realise that a connection exists between them. As secrets and confessions begin to emerge, each person is brought to

account for what occurred on a random day in their lives.

Hannah Dodson plays the lead role, alongside Joe Dryden as Gabriel and Amber Goldney as Angelika. More than 20 young performers from the Thanet area have been long rehearsing for this exciting Crazyhouse production, written by Heath Woodward.

The show contains elements unsuitable for very young children. Performances start at 7.30pm, with a 2.30pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets cost £6 each or £25 for groups of five. To book call 01843 591750.



INTIMATE EXCHANGES

Various dates, Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs

LOVE and marriage are explored in classic Alan Ayckbourn style with a double bill of the playwright's work.

Two of the plays in his *Intimate Exchanges* collection will be performed for the Sarah Thorne Theatre Club this weekend. Directed by Michael Friend, they are wonderfully funny plays about two love triangles, written by one of the country's best-loved playwrights.

Events on a Hotel Terrace is about Celia, a woman torn between her bossy husband and a handyman with a fixation on her. The play is followed by A

Pageant, in which Celia's husband Toby is experiencing his own dilemmas. Stuck in a sterile marriage, he is drawn to the housekeeper, Sylvie.

Events on a Hotel Terrace can be seen at 2.30pm and 7.30pm this Saturday and 6.30pm on Sunday. A Pageant will be performed at 2.30pm and 7.30pm on Saturday and at 6.30pm on Sunday, May 9. Tickets cost £10.50 for club members and £12.50 for non-members who must book 24 hours in advance. Call the box office on 0845 262 6263 or email info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk.

SHOW OF HANDS

Friday, April 30, Quarterhouse, Folkestone

FIND out why acoustic roots duo Show of Hands have won so many accolades when they visit Folkestone.

They visit Kent with two new awards under their belts, having picked up the gongs for Best Duo and Best Original Song at this year's BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards. Having sold out the Royal Albert Hall three times and headlined numerous festivals, from WOMAD to Glastonbury, Show of Hands are true icons of the folk scene and should not be missed.

Composed of singer-songwriter Steve Knightley and multi-instrumentalist Phil Beer, the band has built up a rich repertoire of original songs and embarked on the Standing Room Only Tour in response to public demand.

During this tour they will be joined by double bass player and vocalist Miranda Sykes, along with rising star Ruari Joseph whose indie folk sound has attracted much interest. He has performed with the likes of David Gray, Paolo Nutini and Seth Lakeman, while drawing comparisons to Jack Johnson.

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £15/£12. Book online at www.quarterhouse.co.uk or call the box office on 01303 858500.



PAUL JAMES AND PAUL HARRIS CARRY ON AGAIN

Friday, April 30, Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



PREPARE for an evening of side-splitting laughter when two popular radio characters join forces on the stage.

Paul James and Paul Harris are the much-loved stars of *The Sunday Supplement*, BBC Radio Kent's most popular programme. They have been entertaining listeners and theatregoers for many years with their hilarious stories, blending comedy and anecdotes to successful effect.

Known as PJ and Harris to their adoring fans, they have been presenting radio shows on the BBC for 10 years and become an unmissable part of the schedule.

For this hugely entertaining show, they will draw on their experiences of radio and show business to present two hours of laughter and fun.

Paul James and Paul Harris *Carry On Again* is the first of six shows presented by the Friends of the Marlowe Theatre this year and is sure to put a spring in your step.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £16, concessions available.

To book, call the box office on 01227 787787 or visit in person at the Visitor Information Centre in Sun Street, Canterbury.



LOSTPROPHETS

Friday, April 30, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone



DISCOVER the future of British music when Lostprophets rock the Leas Cliff Hall this week.

The Welsh band is flying high after selling out various recent gigs and giving stunning performances at last year's Reading and Leeds Festival. With the festival season looming, there are sure to be more exciting live shows to look forward to, but this week Kent fans have the chance to see Lostprophets perform on their doorstep.

The band released their fourth album, *The Betrayed*, at the beginning of the year and resulting hits have included *It's Not the End of the World, But I Can See It From Here*. The six-piece group released its first single in 2001 and hit the big time with their first UK top 10 single, *Last Train Home*, two years later. After attempting to record *The Betrayed* in Los Angeles with a number of different producers, the band returned to Cardiff and had soon reinvigorated their sound enough to complete the album in the US.

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FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY FREE Curvy brunette, 35, with green eyes, 5ft3, no ties, looking for an affectionate, and caring non-smoking guy to put the sparkle back into my life. Ashford Box 849706

SHREK'S APPEAL! Princess Fiona, 34, looking to meet her Shrek. 5ft8, short brown/blonde hair, blue eyes, large build, seeks romantic caring guy for friendship, maybe more! Box 877957

HAPPY DAYS! Attractive, fun-loving female, 35, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, W/LTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

FEAST YOUR EYES ON ME... Hello I'm Andrea, 35, petite 5ft3, shoulder length curly hair. I enjoy eating out, cinema and I'm looking for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 453039

SEALED WITH A KISS Petite lady, 36, long hair, blue eyes, single mum, enjoys holidays, wine and dining, walking, seeks loyal, loving man for friendship and more. Box 453079

GROW OLD WITH ME Single mum, 37yrs old, slim build, honest, kind and caring. I'm looking for LTR, love and romance with nice guy in Maidstone area. Box 860164

LOVE TO LOVE YOU Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium/large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, likes walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE Mum of three, 38, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male, 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

MAGIC IN MARGATE Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, going out, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

FAMILY LIFE Fun to be with woman, 39, I love life, drinks in, walks, family life etc. Looking for a similar man in the Canterbury area. Box 467392

FAMILY ORIENTATED Eastbourne based woman, 39, 5ft8, slim/medium build. I'm a single mum, and enjoy cooking, music, family life. If you like the same, get in touch! Box 440434

DON'T LET ME DOWN Pretty, blonde female, 38, 5ft4, like football, socialising and cooking, looking for a loving and caring male, 38-42, for a LTR. Box 446684

SHOW ME HEAVEN Black lady, 38yr old, enjoys swimming, films and bird watching. Fairly new to the area. With a male for friendship and maybe romance. Box 441608

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FOR A RELATIONSHIP? Shy but confident-one known female, a mum, 40, likes socialising, tennis, walks, swimming; seeks gent with similar interests to find hopeful love with. Box 452106

CALL ME Single, Asian lady, 41, living in Tunbridge Wells, I'm easygoing and fun loving and W/LTM single male to spend time with. Box 465481

MANY INTERESTS Hi, I'm based in Ashford and I'm looking for a nice guy in the area. I'm a single mum, 42 and enjoy cooking, and cosy nights. Box 468148

IT COULD BE US Professional, single woman, 42, easygoing and fun to be with, seeking a single, professional, solvent white male, 44-52 Tunbridge Wells. Box 798931

BE MY FRIEND AND PARTNER Hi there, I'm female, 43, 5ft6, medium build, long dark hair/green eyes. I enjoy cinema, eating out and W/LTM genuine, caring, loving male. Chatham. Box 466612

DOES THIS SOUND LIKE YOU? Single mum, 42, from Ashford, 5ft9, dark hair/eyes, likes wine bars, pubs, days out and keeping fit, looking for a caring and fun-loving gent, 5ft9+. Box 461129

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NEW TO THIS Attractive single mum of 2, 43yrs old, 5ft1, medium build, GSOH, likes cooking, spending time with family & animals. W/LTM fun loving, kind, genuine man. Kent. Box 855182

LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gsoh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

ANOTHER CHAPTER Hard working PA, 43, single mum, grey-green-blue eyes, loves socialising and enjoying life, seeks loyal, honest male to find love with. Sittingbourne. Box 461037

HOW YOU DOING? Attractive, curvy single mum, 44, kind, genuine, loyal and loving, seeking a man with similar qualities to share my life with. St Leonards-on-Sea. Box 459128

GET CLOSE Funny, cheerful lady, 44, 5'6", curly hair, very social, likes walks and pubs. Looking for a cuddly and outgoing man for a close relationship. Faversham. Box 467518

GENUINE REPLIES ONLY Bubbly female, 44, brunette, n/s, medium/large build, enjoys singing and theatre. Would love to meet a decent fun-loving guy, similar age, pref non-smoker for LTR. Box 445955

POSSIBLE LTR African lady, full figured and radiant! I'm a Christian, 46, 5ft5, attractive, caring and intelligent and enjoy jazz, travel, theatre. W/LTM decent, white male, Gillingham. Box 466617

COME ON OVER Fun-loving girl, 47, dark hair/eyes, attractive, looking for a similar male to enjoy nights out and good conversation. Rainham. Box 854480

GENIE IN A BOTTLE Slim blue-eyed blonde, 47, 5ft4, animal lover with no ties, very sociable, non-smoker, loves the countryside, seeking easygoing companion and soulmate. Box 468120

YOUNG AT HEART Young 46, attractive, fun-loving female, looking for fit, handsome, intelligent, full of fun, sexy, worldly man to share everything that life has to offer. Box 884113

NOTHING VENTURED... Humble lady, 47, GSOH, down to earth, non-smoker, enjoys life, likes meals and days out, seeks a life-loving guy to enjoy a meal with. Rochester. Box 466286

ENJOY LIFE TO THE FULL Young-looking 46yr old female, 5ft4, slim, blonde, non-smoker, affectionate, loyal, caring, seeking a male, 40-45, up to 5ft7, to share life with. Ashford/Maidstone area please. Box 461938

NORMAL GAL Female, 48, divorced and happy, 5ft7, looking for genuine man, laughter, sincerity, smart, kind, tall honest man, age under 48 and over 30 a must. Maidstone. Box 866380

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME? Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

LOVE AND LAUGHTER AND HAPPY TIMES Petite woman, 53, with blonde/brown hair and blue eyes, 5'3", enjoys socialising, walking, cinema and generally having fun with a tall, honest man. Gillingham. Box 858610

YOU DON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU CALL... Young-looking, hard-working 53yr old living in East Sussex. I am a happy, caring person with a good sense of humour. Non-smoker. Heathfield. Box 883410

QUALITY TIME 55 year old lady, 5ft8in, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, quite fit, enjoys the outdoors, lots of walking, politics, family time with the right man. Box 848381

HELP ME OPEN UP Easygoing lady, 46, dark brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, likes life, socialising, the seaside, walks, drinks, W/LTM male to share a bottle of wine with. Box 444585

DREAM LOVER Petite blonde, young 49, loving, caring, enjoy music, walking, theatre dining in/out, looking for friendship and more with a genuine, caring and honest man. Rochester. Box 854822

MAKE IT ENJOYABLE Pretty, young-looking, slender woman, 49, dark-haired seeks reliable gentleman, 25-49 for a loving relationship. Rochester. Box 460686

ANY TAKERS? Divorced single mum, 49, 5ft4, animal lover, happy go lucky, likes quiet drinks and cinema, looking for a man for friendship, maybe a LTR. Ashford. Box 464557

BY MY SIDE Curvy woman, 49, 5ft10, I enjoy being by the sea, music, walks, meals out, cinema, cross-words, and reading. Seeking kind, caring man in the Maidstone area. Box 466608

ARE YOU LOVING AND CARING? Young 48 year old, loving, caring, very bubbly, 5ft5, medium build, blonde, blue eyes, likes clubs, cinema, eating, out, cosy nights, good company. Box 434089

JUST IMAGINE Petite blonde, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, W/LTM genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 835562

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MUST LOVE ANIMALS Light-hearted lady, 57, light hair, blue eyes, 5ft3, enjoys baking, gardening and DIY, seeks romantic non-smoker for romance. Rochester. Box 468691

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS! Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

DREAMS OF YOU Genuine, caring lady, late 50s, slim & young looking, looking for a loyal, considerate, N/S male for long term relationship. Box 448595

MUSIC TO MY EARS Hi my name's Christine, 59, 5'9", slim build, wear glasses, likes live music, theatre, playing darts, looking for slim build male, for friendship, possible more. Box 419914

WALKS ALONG THE COAST Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

BE YOURSELF Outgoing lady, active, 60, tolerant, open-minded, loves life animals, and genuine people, seeks a sincere man for romance. Margate. Box 865760

BRIGHTENING UP Cuddly lady, 61, 5ft5, blonde, likes swimming, country pubs, cinema and much more. W/LTM tallish single man to hopefully brighten each others' lives. Box 870214

HOMELY LADY Easygoing lady, 61, 5ft1, walks, cosy nights, pubs meals etc. I'm hoping to meet someone for friendship, and then well see. Folkestone. Box 466963

LOTS OF HUGS Positive woman, 60, independent but sociable, I'm 5ft4, red hair/green eyes, slim build. Hythe, I enjoy art and walks, seeking similar, intelligent man, lively, reliable. Box 464002

SIMPLE PLEASURES Hi there, I'm a 61yr old lady, blonde hair/green eyes, medium build. I love dancing, walking by the sea and W/LTM like minded gent. Box 459467

OUTGOING LADY Young looking lady, 62, 5ft6, blonde hair/hazel eyes. I have GSOH and like music, bowls, cinema country pubs. W/LTM man, 55-65 for friendship and more. Canterbury. Box 468269

START A NEW CHAPTER 64 year old widow, 5ft6, slim and fit, active and healthy, likes walks, theatre, gardening a social woman seeking similar non-smoking gent in Canterbury area. Box 467844

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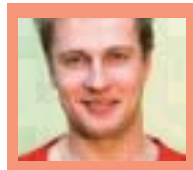
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FOR LOVE Hard-working male, 29, 5ft10, dark hair, brown eyes, medium build, plays harder! likes going/eating out, walks, pubs, love life, seeking similar happy, trustworthy lady. Box 442752

FULL OF LIFE Ashford man, 35, I'm single, no ties, and looking for a similar woman. I'm 6ft6, with blue eyes/brown hair and enjoy pubs/clubs; eating out etc. Box 467416

BOTTLE OF WINE Hi there, I'm an easygoing male, 35, 5ft8, medium build, brown hair, I'm based in Brighton and enjoy seeing friends, drinks, cinema, walks. Box 450165

CAN YOU PUT UP WITH ME? Hi I'm 37, 6ft, blue eyes, brown hair and medium build, great cook and SOH, seeking similar lady to take out. Box 451503

HOP ON BOARD! Average bloke, 38, shy! Seeks young lady, looks unimportant, single mums welcome. I love gardening and riding my moped. Sittingbourne. Box 468095

THE GOOD LIFE Young looking male, 39, quiet guy, looking for a LTR and a lady to relax and enjoy life together, with the right woman. Box 858113

LOVE TO LAUGH Looking for a love to earth green eyed lady. Must have a sense of humour and laugh at life's little surprises! I'm 39 with GSOH...Hastings. Box 862208

COME ON OVER TO MY PLACE Fun-loving male, 40, 6ft, short dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys most things in life, seeks slim female size 10-12 who's reasonably good looking. Box 456889

DO I ATTRACT YOU? Happy go lucky single dad, 40, looking for a slim female, -size 12, to share good times and happiness with. Hutton Box 457738

LOOK IN MY EYES Romantic, fun-loving man, 40, 6ft tall, with dark hair and brown eyes, looking for a kind, considerate and romantic female. Maidstone. Box 459006

IT'S WHAT'S INSIDE THAT COUNTS Loving and caring male, 40, 5ft8, medium build, average looks, seeks outgoing, loving, caring person to find love with. Canterbury. Box 458290

FISHING & CAMPING! Fun-loving male, 40, not of many words, likes sports, music, reading and films, seeks company and companion. Snodland. Box 465333

LOOKING FOR A BIRDIE! Hi there, I'm Chris, 38, in good shape, attractive, own place, hard working and honest, loves days out, golf, summer/looking for loving companion. Box 450317

MAKE YOUR MARK Hi I'm Mark, 40, 5ft8, brown hair, blue eyes, fit, not ugly, mature, honest, W/LTM someone trustworthy and caring. Box 448372

COME ON OVER Professional personal trainer, 42, 5ft10, green eyes, brown hair, athletic, seeking a female, 25-45, for fun times and friendship. Chatham. Box 468675

FUN & OUTGOING! Young at heart 44yr old male, stocky build, 5ft10, Kent based, father, honest and down-to-earth, likes music, nights in, walking the dog, seeks genuine lady. Box 851804

GOT A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR? Malcolm, 43, dark-haired, 5ft10, spent a long time on the shelf so looking for chats, friendship and maybe more with a film and music fan. Box 451561

LET'S BUILD A ROMANCE Hello, I'm Simon 43, single man in Kent own a construction co. Muscular build, blue-eyed, ruggedly handsome. Looking for a honest and genuine lady. Box 453322

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LOOKING FOR LOVE? Easygoing guy with wicked SOH, 45, 5ft11, slim-medium build, blue eyes and fair hair, loves animals, pubs and more, seeks loving lady for romance. E.Sussex. Box 468369

CHEEK TO CHEEK Hard working gent, 45, slim, 6ft, looking for full time relationship with a cinema, bowling and film lover! Gillingham. Box 468396

MAKE A MOVE Single dad, 45, white, likes cooking, gardening, and a passion for Reggae music; seeking a black woman for friendship and romance. Folkestone area. Box 468542

MUSIC LOVER Richard here, I'm 45, very loving, and I like holidays, listening to music, theatre, cooking, cinema, museums and restaurants. You? Ashford. Box 467883

EASY TO LOVE Margate male, 46, tall and slim, easy-going, enjoy cinema, socialising and sport, looking for a decent lady, 40-55, for friendship and maybe a ltr. Box 468189

ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS Single guy, 47, 5ft8, been hurt in the past, works full time, looking for a Sussex-based lady to share life with. Kids not problem. Box 460802

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Amsterdam	14°C	Madrid	25°C
Athens	21°C	New York	11°C
Barcelona	20°C	Paris	15°C
Beijing	12°C	Rome	22°C
Bombay	34°C	Sydney	19°C
Cape Town	26°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	12°C	Tokyo	19°C
Gibraltar	20°C	Vancouver	11°C
Hong Kong	21°C	Warsaw	18°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	18°C



KENT'S WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	3:24pm 6.0m	Sunday	4:01pm 5.8m
Dover	Saturday	1:42pm 6.5m	Sunday	2:21pm 6.3m
Dungeness	Saturday	1:39pm 7.5m	Sunday	2:17pm 7.2m
Ramsgate	Saturday	2:12pm 5.0m	Sunday	2:51pm 4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	3:14pm 5.7m	Sunday	3:51pm 5.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	3:21pm 5.2m	Sunday	3:57pm 5.1m

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	20°C	21°C	19°C	15°C	14°C
Canterbury	17°C	20°C	18°C	15°C	12°C
Chatham	17°C	19°C	16°C	14°C	11°C
Dartford	20°C	21°C	19°C	15°C	13°C

Dover	16°C	18°C	16°C	12°C	12°C
Faversham	17°C	19°C	16°C	14°C	11°C
Folkestone	16°C	18°C	16°C	12°C	12°C
Gillingham	17°C	19°C	16°C	14°C	11°C

Gravesend	20°C	21°C	19°C	15°C	13°C
Maidstone	20°C	21°C	18°C	15°C	13°C
Ramsgate	17°C	20°C	18°C	15°C	12°C
Rochester	17°C	19°C	16°C	14°C	11°C

Sevenoaks	18°C	19°C	17°C	13°C	11°C
Sittingbourne	17°C	19°C	16°C	14°C	11°C
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Mouth-watering classics such as steak and ale pie and beer battered fish and chips as well as an extensive range of cask beers, in a relaxed atmosphere, are on offer at the pub.

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BEATBOX SENSATION: Beardyman has joined the list of great acts performing this year

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

BREATHTAKING beatbox artist Beardyman has been added to the Lounge on the Farm line-up.

The London-born vocalist's appearance at the Canterbury three-dayer was confirmed alongside nearly 50 other artists and bands.

Out-of-town names include These New Puritans, the Phenomenal Handclap Band, Danny & The Champions of The World and Lissy Trullie.

Lounge bosses said Erland & The Carnival – featuring The Verve guitarist Simon Tong and Paul McCartney collaborator David Knock among their ranks – and Quantic and his Comba Barbaro were not to be missed.

They said: “Erland & The Carnival's distinctive and unmissable swirling riffs derive from Orcadian singer Erland Cooper's fun-fair folk stylings.

“Also making the journey to Kent's green and pleasant land will be Quantic and his Combo Bárbaro a brand new band who fuse rare and infectious rhythms from the Caribbean, Latin America and Africa with Quantic's own renowned deep soul and refried funk.”

The LOTF organisers have also unveiled a host of Kentish acts, who are booked to perform at the July weekend.

These include Tom Williams & The Boat, Lucy Kitt, CWB, Electric Rive and Wolf People.

Among the Lounge headliners are Motown greats Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, ska legends Toots & The Maytals, The Crazy World of Arthur Brown, DJ Yoda and Courtney Pine.

Lounge promoters are promising their fifth year will be the biggest and best yet.

The spokesman added: “With increased capacity, this year's Lounge On The Farm looks set to be the finest yet.

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- 5 Craig Sheridan – 5/6 The Port Arms Deal

theatre, burlesque and vaudeville treats, the kids' Little Lounge area and some of the most refined, locally sourced, rustic refreshments to be found at any festival anywhere.”

LOTF takes place at Merton Farm, Canterbury, from Friday, July 9, to Sunday, July 11.

A weekend adult ticket costs £95. Day tickets will be released next month.

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Unforgettable trip to Land of the Long White Cloud

■ BY VICTORIA MITCHELL

HAVING a towering, tattooed man press his nose against mine has to be one of the more unusual – and enjoyable – greetings I have experienced.

In New Zealand, this exchange meant I was no longer considered a visitor but rather as one of the people of the land.

The ‘hongi’, a traditional Maori welcome, made an interesting start to an unforgettable trip to the country also known as Land of the Long White Cloud, after an exhausting journey through several time zones, as Air New Zealand flights from Britain to Auckland on the North Island go via either Hong Kong or Los Angeles.

We eased the jet-lag with a 45-minute drive to the west of the city, to the dramatic coast of Karekare where thunderous waves pound the iron-black sand.

After a bracing walk along the dunes we headed to nearby Piha and the Waitakere ranges, a stunning wilderness area, for a lesson in nature, and even sampled some plants which provided nourishment for Maori in the past.

Our visit was rounded off with a ‘hangi’ – a feast of meats and vegetables cooked using heated rocks buried in a pit oven, and it was a perfect introduction to New Zealand.

Auckland itself is superb for fine dining: one of the best restaurants is the award-winning Dine by world-famous chef Peter Gordon at Sky City Grand Hotel. Oysters, scallops and of course, lamb, adorn an eclectic menu.

Auckland is also known as the City of Sails, so our next adventure was

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Operators to New Zealand include Austravel, which offers a nine-night Auckland, Rotorua and Napier self-drive tour from £1,599, which includes three nights' accom in Auckland (at SkyCity Grand), three nights in Rotorua and Napier, seven days' car hire and return flights with Air NZ. Price also includes day tour of Waiheke Island, a Maori village hangi and concert and a food and wine tour of Hawke's Bay.

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sailing from the massive marina to Waiheke Island on a 50ft yacht.

Pride of Auckland operates a fleet of sailing yachts where visitors – under the watchful eye of an expert crew – experience the hands-on thrill of sailing in one of the world's most famous bays.

Huge gusts of wind might have tipped our boat over had it not been for the intervention of the skipper, so we arrived at the island's main jetty looking slightly bedraggled.

I was greeted warmly, however, by the delightful and informative guide Jenny, a retired midwife who personally delivered many of the 8,000 permanent residents on Waiheke.

The island, which can also be reached from Auckland by a 45-minute, and rather less eventful, ferry ride, is home to wineries, craft shops, beautiful gardens and beach-

es, and olive groves where tourists can sample some of the finest oil in the world.

Our next stop was the city of Nelson, on the northern shores of South Island, and at just under a two-hour flight from Auckland or from Hawke's Bay, it is said to be at the very centre of New Zealand.

I was there to experience a bit of outdoors adventure in the nearby Abel Tasman National Park.

Noel Kennedy, an expert guide from New Zealand Nature Tours plans a personal and authentic itinerary for the most discerning visitors.

To make the most of a visit to New Zealand, you really need to start planning in advance. Air New Zealand's route network includes 26 domestic destinations – covering North and South Islands – and people use the service like they would a bus.

MOTORS NEWS



Meriva opens wide for the second generation

VAUXHALL has opened the order book for its second-generation Meriva baby MPV.

Priced from £15,495 and in dealerships for June 18, it's wider, longer and more stylish, with a stepped rear window line plus a major talking point – rearward opening rear doors.

These 'FlexDoors' open to nearly 90 degrees, vastly improving entry, but it's parents who will see most benefit as they pilot the kids in and out and strap them into their seats, boosters and so on.



Fair weather friends are out in force again

MOTOR market watchers like to play down seasonal price trends, but there's nothing like spring sunshine to boost prices for convertibles.

British Car Auctions (BCA), which has a site at Paddock Wood, has just staged a sale of 400 convertibles and sold the lot, many for prices higher than expected and ranging from less than £4,000 to over £50,000. A spokesman said the economy and election should have made people nervous, but the sale suggested optimism among trade and private buyers alike.



Seat aiming to clean up on Scrapage variation

SEAT has followed up on the Government's official £2,000 Scrapage trade-in grant with a £2,000 saving on its cleanest and greenest Ecomotive models.

On top of that, says VW's Spanish arm, buyers also get to save even more thanks to the cheaper everyday running costs of cars like the Leon Ecomotive SE (pictured) with start-stop technology and energy recovery system.

With a lower sale price of £16,045 under the new scheme, buyers could also save more than £4,300 over a typical three-year/45,000-mile period.



DECEPTIVELY BIG: The hi-cube van design of Peugeot's Bipper Tepee means lots of legroom and the potential to carry loads of luggage as well as five people in decent comfort

Postman Pat and the Popemobile by Peugeot

ROAD TEST PEUGEOT BIPPER TEPEE

BY STEVE LOADER

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Image	★★★★★
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This is helped by sliding rear side doors and a huge top-hinged tailgate that doubles as a rain shelter when loading and unloading or simply 'grandstanding' or picnicking at an event.

There is plenty of clever stowage too, but the van origins and budget pricing are betrayed by pop-out rather than wind-down rear windows, plus some painted metalwork and rubber floor covering, presumably so that you could hose out the footwells.

My car was a top-spec Outdoor HDi70 diesel (£11,795), which looks chunkier thanks to bigger side protection mouldings, lower front panel trim and standard-fit roof bars.

It also gains air con, front fog lights and – for the more rural-based owner – higher suspension and under engine protection.

It costs an extra £1,000 to have the 70bhp 1.4-litre turbodiesel instead of the 75bhp 1.4-litre petrol alternative and it needs nearly 18 seconds and a following wind to hit 60, but it will average around 60mpg and incur just £35/year road tax due to its low emissions.

The petrol is still no flier (0-62mph in 16.6 seconds), but saves a £1,000 upfront and every time you fill up, while still averaging more than 40mpg, but you pay £145/year road tax.



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W 00	HONDA HRV 4WD 1.6 automatic 5 door estate finished in bronze, central locking, electric windows, CD stereo player, controls on steering wheel, electric mirrors, power assisted steering, twin airbags, black/blue cloth upholstery, Honda service history, alloy wheels, parcel shelf £2495.00
X 00	PEUGEOT 206 1.2 LX 5 door hatchback finished in metallic silver, power assisted steering, remote central locking, twin airbags, electric windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, blue cloth upholstery trim, parcel shelf £2395.00
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V 99	NISSAN PRIMERA 2.0 SE automatic 5 door hatchback, finished in grey, power assisted steering, twin airbags, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, stereo, walnut inlay, cream cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, parcel shelf, 1 owner, only 53,000 and lots of service history £1995.00
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03 03	CITROEN C3 1.4 DESIRE 5 door hatchback finished in metallic light blue, remote central locking, twin airbags, power assisted steering, electric windows, remote mirrors, cd stereo, blue cloth upholstery, parcel shelf £3495.00
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2009	09	Agila Club A/c	12	5	Atlanta blue	6,350	7,995
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Atlanta blue	Del mileage	9,995
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Sugar white	Del mileage	9,995
2009	09	Agila Club A/c	12	5	Steel silver	4,250	7,995
2009	59	Agila Club CDTi	13D	5	Atlanta blue	2,950	8,995
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Lemon grass	1,350	8,995
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Moroccan blue	1,275	9,495
2010	59	Agila Design	12	5	Lemon grass	2,790	8,995

ASTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2005	55	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Ultra blue	30,260	6,995
2006	06	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Black sapphire	33,050	7,695
2006	56	Astra Design Twin top	18	2	Black sapphire	40,200	9,695
2007	07	Astra Design Auto Estate	18	5	Silver lightening	22,190	7,995
2007	07	Astra Sri Sports hatch X pack	16 TB0	3	Flame red	29,810	10,495
2007	57	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue	25,000	13,995
2007	57	Astra Sri CDTi X Pack	19D	5	Ultra blue	17,325	9,995
2008	08	Astra Design CDTi Auto	19D	5	Star silver	22,200	9,995
2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Silver lightening	24,300	9,995
2008	58	Astra Sri CDTi X Pack	19D	3	Star silver	10,100	12,995
2008	58	Astra Sri Ex Pack	18	3	Black sapphire	5,960	11,995
2009	59	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Ultra blue	5,800	11,995
2009	59	Astra Life A/c	16	3	Metro blue	Del mileage	9,995
2009	59	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Star silver	Del mileage	12,995
2009	59	Astra Sports Twin top	18	2	Air blue	3,320	17,495
2009	59	Astra Sxi CDTi	19D	5	Power red	8,000	13,995

CORSA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	06*	Corza Sxi +	12	3	Flame red	57,600	4,995
2008	08	Corza Breeze E/T	12	3	Flame red	10,125	7,995
2009	09	Corza Active	10	5	Star silver	6,270	8,995
2010	59	Corza Sxi A/c	12	3	Flame red	Delivery	10,995
2010	59	Corza Active	10	3	Flame red	Delivery	9,995
2010	59	Corza Active	12	5	Ultra blue	Delivery	10,995

INSIGNIA & SIGNUM

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2009	09	Insignia Tourer Exclusive	18	5	Black sapphire	9,300	13,995
2009	09	Insignia S Tourer Exc CDTi	19D	5	Technical grey	5,300	16,995

MERIVA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	56	Meriva Life A/C	14	5	Steel blue	19,730	6,495

TIGRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2007	07	Tigra Exclusive Red	14	2	Metro blue	32,500	8,995

ZAFIRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2005	05*	Zafira Design CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Star silver	53,000	6,995
2006	06	Zafira Active	1.8	5	Metro blue	38,050	7,995
2008	58	Zafira Exclusive	1.6	5	Star silver	13,700	9,995

VECTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	56	Meriva Life A/C	14	5	Steel blue	19,730	6,495

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2002	02*	Corza Club E/T	12	5	Blue	37,000	3,195
2006	56	Corza Design CDTi	13D	5	Flame red	37,000	7,995
2007	07	Corza Design	12	3	Metro blue	19,500	7,495
2008	07	Corza Club	12	5	Flame red	26,000	7,295
2008	08	Corza Breeze CDTi	13	3	Black sapphire	12,000	8,695
2006	06	Astra Active	1.6	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,995
2007	07	Astra Club Auto	1.8	5	Panacotta	30,000	6,995
2008	08	Astra Sri	1.8	5	Black sapphire	19,500	9,495
2008	58	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Black sapphire	11,000	9,495
2009	09	Astra Sri CDTi X Pack	19D	5	Star silver	10,000	14,995
2009	59	Agila Design	12	5	White	7,000	7,995
2009	59	Astra Active	1.6	5	Sovereign silver	4,000	10,995
2009	59	Astra Sxi eco flex	1.7D	5	Sovereign silver	4,000	12,995
2010	59	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue	17,995	17,995
2009	59	Insignia Elite CDTi Nav	2.0	5	Sovereign silver	8,000	22,995
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USED VANS

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	56	Combo PAS	1.3CDTi	5	White	36,150	£4,995+VAT
2009	59	Combo CDTi PAS	1.3D	5	White	13,960	£7,295+VAT

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2009	59	Vivaro SWB(115)	2.0D	5	White	Delivery	£11,995+VAT
2009	59	Astravan	1.7D	Club	White	Delivery	£9,495+VAT

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
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Picture: NICK DUNGAN

**CONCRETE:** Ben Taylor says Herne Bay's pitch is 'a shambles'

Bay pitch has destroyed us, says fed up Norton boss

FOOTBALL

NORTON'S move to play at Woodstock cannot come soon enough for player-manager Ben Taylor, who has been frustrated by the playing surface at Herne Bay.

Winch's Field has been an unhappy temporary home for Norton, who won only two league games there all season, culminating in a 1-0 defeat to Faversham on Saturday.

In the end, it was the pitch that beat stand-in Norton goalkeeper Ashley Baverstock, who filled in at the last minute after Taylor was left with a last-minute conundrum.

With Paul West working, Chris Smith injured and Dan Price's wife giving birth,

Taylor turned to physio Karl Davies as emergency stopper but quickly changed his mind.

Taylor said: "We had a look at him in the warm-up and he was awful. I couldn't have him in there against Faversham so we put Ashley in goal and to be fair, he did really well."

"The goal they scored took an awful bounce, but congratulations to Faversham. I was happy with the way we performed, it's just a shame we couldn't get the result."

"We're grateful to Herne Bay for letting us play there but that pitch has destroyed us. It shows when you look at the two records – we won eight away and only two at home."

"It's a shambles, the pitch is like concrete and even Faversham were moaning about it on Saturday."

Norton used Woodstock Park for their pre-season friendlies last summer and will do the same again this year but any permanent switch is still dependent on gaining planning permission. The club still have a remaining year left on their three-year deal at Winch's Field.

FOOTBALL

Picture: IGOR KUPCO

**WINNER:** Faversham's John-Paul Collier

Champions end season on a high

Norton Sports 0 Faversham Town 1

FAVERSHAM Town depart the Kent League on the back of five consecutive wins after John-Paul Collier scored the only goal to see off local rivals Norton Sports at Winch's Field.

The Lilywhites also finished with five clean sheets on the bounce – a fitting statistic for a side that boasted by far the best defensive record in the division.

However, they were made to work for their win by a determined Norton side who gave as good as they got, particularly in the first period. Ben Taylor's side dominated the opening exchanges, although their attacking intentions were hampered by a late goalkeeping crisis which forced striker Ashley Baverstock to fill in between the posts.

The hosts failed to turn their possession into clear-cut chances and Faversham began to exert their authority as the half wore on, raising the tempo and threatening an opener.

Several crosses were delivered into the box but Baverstock stood up to the examination, making a number of positive catches and blocking well when called into action.

His afternoon was spoilt just before the hour mark, though, when Collier's long-range effort bounced and deceived him on its way into the net to give Town a 1-0 lead.

Norton tried to get back into the game in the latter stages but the well-drilled Faversham defence held firm, with Andy Irvine's shot well-blocked and Scott Appleton denied by the post.

Faversham had opportunities to extend their lead late on and hit the Norton bar with ten minutes remaining but the game drifted to an end with Justin Luchford's side finishing six points clear of second-placed Herne Bay.

**CHAMPIONS:** Kent League chairman Denise Richmond handing league title trophy to skipper Tom Hickman and (right) manager Justin Luchford joins his skipper in the celebrations

Picture: FFC

A gr-eight night ensures Lilywhites' title success

FAVERSHAM Town can now look forward to renewing old rivalries with the likes of Sittingbourne and Whitstable Town after the Lilywhites were crowned Kent League champions last week.

Justin Luchford's side went into last Wednesday night's final home game of the season needing a point to wrap up the title with a game to spare, and did so in emphatic style with an 8-0 thrashing of Corinthian.

Turnaround

Saturday's 1-0 win at Norton Sports ensured despite Herne Bay's wholehearted chase for the majority of the season, Town finished a comfortable six points clear at the top.

It marks an amazing turnaround at a club that only reformed in 2005 and for Luchford, who took over at Salters Lane in 2007 with the club stranded at bottom of the league and shipping goals – often in double figures – the title triumph has been particularly sweet.

Luchford and his Town side have not been without criticism this season for their style of football, but that doesn't worry the Faversham manager who is looking forward to being a

FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

Ryman League boss.

"It's unbelievable, I think it will take a little while to sink in," he said. "I know we went into the [Corinthian] game knowing we had a chance of doing it, but I didn't think we would go out with such a bang."

"If we are the worst footballing side in the league, score over 100 goals, concede the least and get the most points – I'll keep being slated, I can take that."

Luchford points to September as a key month in his side's title-winning campaign, but also felt the signing of assistant manager Clive Walker, the former Dover and Ashford manager, was pivotal.

"Those first 11 games amazed me but I always recall September when we beat Hythe Town and Herne Bay both away and then Erith & Belvedere at home. What a week that was," he said.

"I think one of my best signings has been bringing Clive Walker to the club when Jimmy Strouts left, he has been someone to turn to for

advice, as has fellow assistant manager Ray Turner.

"It's been a long two-and-a-half years but I think we deserved it this year having taken six points off both Herne Bay and Hythe Town and if you do that I think it would be a travesty not to win it."

The Faversham boss has already been thinking about plying his trade in the Ryman League and what his side will need to ensure they survive – something he admits is the target before the start of the season.

"I can't wait, fourth from bottom will do me, I'll take that now," he said. "We'll give it a go and I will do my shopping in the summer. We don't do things on a big budget but what we do have is our ground, we have everything going for us. I will have a look in the summer and get a couple in because I think it is important to freshen up but I think we have a lot of Ryman League players anyway."

Promotion is also an important moment for chairman Bob Mason, who in 2005 helped revive the club after expulsion from the Kent League.

He said: "I remember when we reformed and we stood looking at the ground and the grass was standing six foot high and it was really a bit of a wreck, so to get what we have by winning the cup and the league, well, it's happy days."

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Brickies focus on cup now league business is finished

FOOTBALL

BY STEVE TERTVET

Sittingbourne 2

Bottle 4, Bradbrook 28

Merstham 0

SITTINGBOURNE go into next Tuesday's Kent Senior Cup final against Folkestone Invicta on a high after they concluded their league season with a victory.

Jimmy Bottle and Tom Bradbrook were the Brickies' goalscorers against Merstham at Bourne Park, as the hosts turned in a performance to delight manager Gary Abbott.

The result ended Sittingbourne's eight-game winless run in the league and Abbott is now faced with a selection dilemma as he attempts to mastermind a third win against Folkestone this season.

Sittingbourne have already beaten Folkestone in the FA Cup and the league, and victory at Cheriton Road would put a shine on their campaign after missing out on the play-offs.

Abbott said: "There are places up for grabs in the final - no-one's guaranteed a place and we've beaten Folkestone twice this season, so they won't want to play us.



ON TARGET: Jimmy Bottle opened the scoring

"Saturday was probably the best we've played for a few weeks, we moved the ball around well and there was definitely a reaction after what happened in the week because I wasn't happy with Thursday's performance [a 1-0 defeat at Burgess Hill]. It was nice to finish on a high and the overall team performance was brilliant."

Bottle, a constant menace to the Merstham backline all afternoon on Saturday, put the Brickies ahead on four minutes, turning home Bradbrook's deep cross.

Matt Bourne then headed narrowly over as the hosts pressed for a second, before Bottle

Sittingbourne starting XI



Subs: Richmond (Nuttall 53), Hooper (Marshall 65), Kayembe (Bradbrook 65)

saw his shot deflected onto the crossbar by Merstham defender Bradley Duke, while at the other end Merstham's Billy Marshall saw his effort turned against the post.

The visitors could not hold out much longer, though, and Bradbrook made it 2-0 just before the half-hour when he met Bottle's pass and sent a crafty finish beyond Jos Iles.

Still Bottle threatened to increase the lead single-handedly, cutting inside and firing straight at Iles before shooting over the bar less than a minute later.

The second-half was a tighter affair with Steve Marshall shooting weakly at Iles, before substitute Elie Kayembe was denied by Colin Harvey's last-ditch tackle.

Looking back over Sittingbourne's season, Abbott said: "It's not as gutting as finishing sixth last year when we were so close but I'm still annoyed by the games we lost against the bottom sides. With the money situation here, it's not the best but I want to keep all the players I've got."

SUPERBIKES



Picture ALTHEA RACING

OFF THE PACE: Shane Byrne finished ninth and eighth

Shakey's way off the pace at Assen after long journey

SHANE Byrne lies 12th in the World Superbike Championship standings after recording two modest finishes at Assen, Holland, over the weekend.

The former two-time British Superbike champion was forced to drive across Europe to reach the circuit after the volcanic ash cloud grounded flights in the days leading up to the races.

Byrne, from Sheppey, was well off the pace in race one, finishing ninth, but he improved for the second race, climbing a place to eighth and finding something which closer resembled his best form.

Meanwhile, his Althea Racing team-mate Carlos Checa was edged out of a podium position by Ashford rider Leon Camier in the first race and Checa then clocked a sixth-place finish in race two - the Spaniard now sits fourth in the standings.

Hardfought

"The pace was unrelenting and the races were extremely hardfought," Byrne told his website. "I couldn't reach the leading group but I'm fairly happy with the results of the two races."

The weekend's big winner was Jonathan Rea, who won both races to lift himself above Checa and into third place, while Byrne has been joined by close friend Camier on 48 points for the season.

Althea owner Genesio Bevilacqua said: "Carlos amazed me again in race one while in race two, after a bad start, he rode another great race."

"Shane, in the first race, showed he hadn't yet found the necessary pace but then in the second he found a good balance. Looking at the times, he can improve further."

The championship resumes in Italy next Sunday as the riders travel to Monza, with Byrne keen to bridge the gap to the leading pack while Checa will be set on reclaiming third from Rea.

In what will be a testing seven days for all the teams, round six takes place the following weekend at the Kyalami track in South Africa.

LEAGUE TABLE

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
C Croydon Athletic	42	27	8	7	+53	89
2 Folkestone Invicta (-10)	42	28	8	6	+31	82
3 Worthing	42	25	5	12	+30	80
4 Godalming Town (-3)	42	26	5	11	+27	80
5 Leatherhead	42	22	8	12	+33	74
6 Fleet Town	42	22	6	14	+25	72
7 Burgess Hill Town	42	19	10	13	+14	67
8 Walton & Hersham	42	18	8	16	+1	62
9 Sittingbourne	42	18	7	17	+15	61
10 Metropolitan Police	42	17	9	16	+9	60
11 Horsham YMCA	42	15	14	13	+6	59
12 Dulwich Hamlet	42	14	12	16	-7	54
13 Corinthian-Casuals	42	17	3	22	-13	54
14 Ramsgate	42	13	14	15	-6	53
15 Whyteleafe	42	15	6	21	-4	51
16 Merstham	42	12	12	18	-18	48
17 Chatham Town	42	14	4	24	-20	46
18 Whitstable Town	42	14	3	25	-44	45
19 Chipstead	42	11	10	21	-18	43
20 Ashford Town	42	9	11	22	-41	38
R Walton Casuals	42	8	10	24	-25	34
R Eastbourne Town	42	6	11	25	-48	29

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

C Faversham Town	30	24	2	4	+56	74
2 Herne Bay	30	22	2	6	+39	68
3 Beckenham Town	30	16	5	9	+17	53
4 Hythe Town	29	14	8	7	+30	50
5 Greenwich Borough	30	14	8	8	+13	50
6 Sevenoaks Town	29	15	4	10	+7	46
7 Erith Town	30	11	7	12	+3	40
8 Tunbridge Wells	30	11	8	11	+1	41
9 Deal Town	30	11	6	13	-11	39
10 Holmesdale	30	11	3	16	0	36
11 Norton Sports	30	10	6	14	-7	36
12 Erith & Belvedere	30	10	6	14	-16	36
13 Fisher	30	9	5	16	-17	32
14 Corinthian	30	9	3	18	-35	30
15 Sporting Bengal United	30	7	4	19	-51	25
16 Lordswood	30	3	9	18	-29	18

FIXTURES (TUESDAY): KENT SENIOR CUP FINAL:
Folkestone Invicta v Sittingbourne

Sheppey savour salver win after beating Anchorians

RUGBY

Sheppey 29 Gillingham Anchorians 10

SHEPPEY lifted the Kent Salver at Old Elthamians RFC on Sunday afternoon after a convincing win over Kent 1 rivals Gillingham Anchorians.

The Islanders had suffered two league defeats at the hands of Anchorians during the regular season, most notably a 59-19 reverse at The Ditch on the opening weekend.

The weekend's victory was particularly sweet, therefore, and underlined the huge improvement Sheppey have made since propping up the league table at the midway point of the season.

Gillingham's cause was not helped by the departure of captain Adam Davison to injury inside the first two minutes and from that point Sheppey took control of the game.

With a series of powerful plays and well-rehearsed moves, they allowed Anchorians no breathing space and opened up a 10-0 lead with a penalty and a converted try.

Sheppey's defence was superb as they repelled Gillingham's surges inside the 22, although Anchorians did draw to within three points when Kenton Parbutt converted Rob Small's try.

Unfazed, Sheppey struck back with another converted try before the interval and despite Gillingham's best efforts to contain them, they ran riot in the second-half while Anchorians wasted their own opportunities.

Full-time arrived with Sheppey running out 29-10 victors - a result which indicates



Picture ION KIRPO

TROPHY SUCCESS: Sheppey stormed to the Kent Salver against Gillingham Anchorians on Saturday

the Islander's potential for next season, having finished four places and five points behind Anchorians in Kent 1 in 2009/10.

Sheppey have also announced a change of head coach for next season, with Peter King taking over from Frank Davis, who had led the side for three years.

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